

In the Claims:

Please substitute the following claims:

Claim 8 (amended):

a4 The method, according to claim 1, wherein said essential oil is used to control a plant pathogen selected from the group consisting of *Penicillium* sp., *Botrytis* sp., *Monilinia* sp., *Alternaria* sp., *Aspergillus* sp., *Rhizopus* sp., *Sphaerotheca* sp., *Erysiphe* sp., *Uncinula* sp., *Podosphaera* sp., *Phytophthora* sp., *Pythium* sp., *Peronospora* sp., *Ralstonia* sp., Hemibasidiomycetes, nematodes, *Venturia* sp., *Cercospora* sp., *Pseudocercospora* sp., *Cercospora* sp., *Cercosporidium* sp., *Fusarium* sp., *Ophiostoma* sp. and other wood staining fungi, *Diplodia* sp., *Erwinia* sp., *Pseudomonas* sp., and *Xanthomonas* sp.

Claim 9 (amended):

The method, according to claim 8, wherein said pathogen is *Ralstonia solanacearum*.

Claim 10 (amended):

The method, according to claim 9, wherein said *Ralstonia solanacearum* is controlled using an agent selected from the group consisting of thyme essential oil, thymol, palmarosa oil and geraniol.

Claim 16 (amended):

a5 The method, according to claim 16, wherein said plant pathogen is *Ralstonia solanacearum*.

Claim 17 (amended):

The method, according to claim 17, wherein tomatoes are protected against said *Ralstonia solanacearum* by an essential oil from palmarosa or thyme.